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TO AMEMBASSY TAIPEI

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SUBJECT: FORMER PRESIDENT THIEU'S ENTOURAGE

REF: A. TAIPEI 3192; B. STATE 127664; C. TAIPEI 2617

D. TAIPEI 2455; E. STATE 109402

1. YOU SHOULD INFORM THIEU THAT WE WOULD HAVE NO OBJECTION TO THE TRAVEL OF HIS WIFE AND STEPDAUGHTER HERE IN JULY TO VISIT DAUGHTER AND SON-IN-LAW IN PITTSBURGH. IN VIEW OF THE CIRCUMSTANCES THAT WE HAVE ALREADY DISCUSSED WITH THIEU, WE BELIEVE IT PREFERABLE THAT HIS WIFE AND STEP-DAUGHTER COME HERE AS NONIMMIGRANT VISITORS FOR A LIMITED PERIOD OF TIME -- SAY, 90 DAYS. FYI: THUS THEIR TRIP WOULD LESS LIKELY BE SEEN AS A PRELUDE TO THIEU'S PERMANENT SETTLEMENT IN THE U. S. END FYI. THEREFORE, THEY SHOULD NOT USE PAROLE DOCUMENTS TO COME HERE. RATHER MRS. THIEU AND STEPDAUGHTER SHOULD BE ISSUED NONIMMIGRANT VISAS IF
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EMBASSY IS SATISFIED THAT THEY INTEND TO RETURN TO TAIWAN

RESIDENCE AND THAT GROC WOULD POSE NO OBJECTION. IF THIS IS ACCEPTABLE, ADVISE ETA WHEN AVAILABLE. SHOULD SHE COME HERE, WE ASSUME MRS. THIEU WOULD WISH TO AVOID PUBLIC ATTENTION FOR THE REASONS SET FORTH IN REF B. TRAVELING UNDER HER MAIDEN NAME, OF COURSE, WOULD BE UP TO HER.

2. YOU MAY ALSO INFORM THIEU THAT WE CONCUR IN PROPOSAL THAT SIX MEMBERS OF HIS STAFF (LISTED PARA 3 REF D) AND THEIR FAMILIES TRAVEL TO GUAM TO ENTER REFUGEE FLOW. WE REGRET WE WILL BE UNABLE TO PAY FOR THEIR TRANSPORTATION FROM TAIPEI TO GUAM. WHEN THEY HAVE COMPLETED TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS, PLEASE INFORM DEPARTMENT AND CINCPACREP GUAM/TTPI MI (FOR CIVIL COORDINATOR) OF THEIR ETA. IN RESPONSE TO QUESTION RAISED PARA 1A OF REF C, CONCUR YOU PROVIDE TRAVELERS WITH SANITIZED VERSION OF STATE 109402. INGERSOLL

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